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## DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

### Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, August 14, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held in the Eastern District on Thursday, August 14, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at the St. Maron Hall, 11466 Kercheval in Detroit, Michigan.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Jim Holley  
Ronald L. Griffin  
Mohamed Okdie  
Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**

Sgt. Mattie Lewis  
P.O. Shawnee Robins  
P.O. Kenyetta Borden

##### **Department Personnel Present**

AC Robert Dunlap  
AC Ralph Godbee  
DC Chester Logan  
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson  
DC Leo Powers  
DC Jamie Fields  
DC Daniel O'Neill  
DC Joyce Motley  
DC Marshall Lyons  
DC Shereece Fleming-Freeman  
DC Leon Moore  
Dc William Hudson  
2<sup>nd</sup> DC John Clark  
Cmdr. Debra Fair  
Cmdr. Steve Dolunt  
Cmdr. James Moore  
Cmdr. Jeffrey Romeo  
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee  
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner  
Cmdr. Linda Vertin-Peltier  
Cmdr. Joseph White  
Sgt. Diane Benners  
P.O. Brad Hawkins  
P.O. Sophia Nelms

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Celia Banks Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator  
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator  
P.O. Kent Cooper

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ron Scott  
Dr. Theresa Mattison  
Yolanda McCants  
Beverly Brown  
Clara Graham  
JoeAnn Williams  
Evelyn Dukes  
George Elkhoury

Yolanda Joiner  
Bernice Smith  
Fred McCants  
Dorothy Johnson  
Alma Prange  
Warren Morgan  
Harold Hall

**RECORDERS**

Jerome Adams  
Robert Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Holley** called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 6:45 p.m.

**Comm. Griffin** read the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioners.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- **Thursday, August 14, 2008**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Thursday, August 7, 2008**

**MOTION:** Comm. Okdie made the motion to approve the Minutes.

**SECOND:** Comm. Griffin seconded the motion.

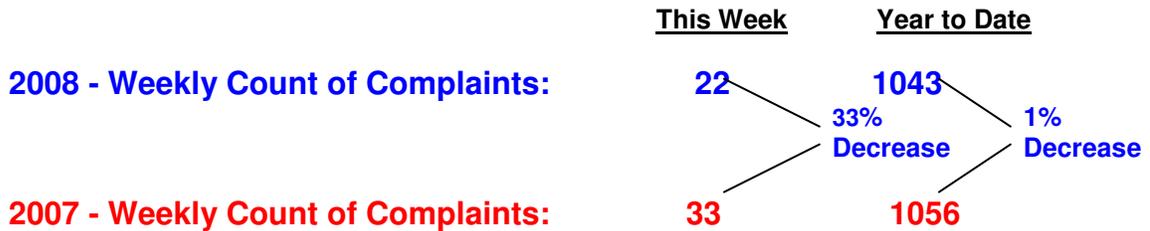
**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT**

**1. CHAIRPERSON**

**2. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**



**TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND**

| Total     | COMMAND         | ALLEGATIONS |           |          |            |       |           |          |        |          | Total       |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|----------|------------|-------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|-------------|
| CCR       | W/E 08/14/08    | Arrest      | Demeanor  | Force    | Harassment | Entry | Procedure | Property | Search | Service  | Allegations |
| 2         | CENTRAL         |             | 2         |          |            |       | 1         |          |        |          | 3           |
| 1         | COMMUNICATIONS  |             |           |          |            |       | 1         |          |        | 1        | 2           |
| 2         | EASTERN         |             |           |          |            |       | 1         | 1        |        |          | 2           |
| 2         | NARCOTICS       |             |           |          |            |       | 1         | 1        |        |          | 2           |
| 3         | NORTHEASTERN    |             | 2         |          |            |       | 2         |          |        | 1        | 5           |
| 3         | NORTHWESTERN    |             | 1         |          |            |       | 2         |          |        | 2        | 5           |
| 1         | SOUTHWESTERN    |             | 1         |          |            |       | 1         |          |        | 1        | 3           |
| 1         | TACTICAL        |             | 1         |          |            |       |           |          |        |          | 1           |
| 1         | TRAFFIC         |             |           |          |            |       | 1         |          |        |          | 1           |
| 6         | Unknown Command |             | 4         | 1        |            |       | 5         |          |        |          | 10          |
| <b>22</b> |                 |             | <b>11</b> | <b>1</b> |            |       | <b>15</b> | <b>2</b> |        | <b>5</b> | <b>34</b>   |

**5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE**

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# Detroit Police Department

## Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



### *“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”*

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*

**SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

**Domestic Violence**

On August 6th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 15000 block of Saratoga on a “Felonious Assault” and arrested a subject. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with “Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm,” “Felonious Assault”, and “Domestic Violence.”

**Special Points of Interest:**

• **Next meeting:**

Thursday, August 21, 2008  
 @ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department  
 1300 Beaubien st.  
 Detroit, Michigan 48226**

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## Engaging the Community

**ATTENTION**

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

|  | <u>Location</u>   | <u>Hours of Operation</u> | <u>Telephone</u> |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
|  | 1300 Beaubien     | 24 Hours                  | 596-5100         |
|  | 2151 E. Jefferson | 24 Hours                  | 596-6400         |
|  | 7737 Kercheval    | 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.          | 628-2121         |
|  | 19810 Grand River | 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.         | 935-5322         |
|  | 13530 Lesure      | 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.         | 596-5300         |
|  | 12000 Livernois   | 24 Hours                  | 237-2555         |
|  | 20 Atwater        | 24 Hours                  | 237-2850         |

### Southwestern District

On August 9th, while on patrol in the area of Crawford and Lafayette, officers observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and fail to stop. A subject exited the vehicle and attempted to escape on foot. Due to the officers quick actions, the subject was arrested and charged with "Fleeing & Eluding 3rd Degree."



### Western District

On August 10th, officers of the Western District responded to the 1000 block of Strathcona on an "Armed Robbery." Subsequent to their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Robbery Armed," "Assault with Intent to Rob," "Felonious Assault," and "Felony Firearm."



### Central District

On August 8th, the Central District hosted a record crowd for National Night out, with various activities for the community to enjoy; recognizing the partnership between the neighborhood community groups and local law enforcement on a national level.



### Northwestern District

On August 9th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 12000 block of Grandmont on a "Shooting." Upon further investigation, officers arrested the subject who was later charged with 4 counts of "Assault with Intent to Murder," 4 counts of "Assault with Intent to Commit Great Bodily Harm," 4 counts of "Felonious Assault," and "Felony Firearm."



**AC Dunlap** welcomed the citizens to the Eastern District. He also introduced the Executive Staff and Command of the Detroit Police Department. He stated that for the last two Fridays, the Command went out to patrol the community. He also introduced DC Motley.

**DC Motley** introduced her staff and welcomed everyone to the Eastern District. She provided a very detailed report of the district's demographics, as well as its current community outreach efforts.

She then talked about the community initiatives within the District, such as the high number of parolees in a particular area, as well the processes for reducing crime.

### **SEE ATTACHMENTS**

**Chairperson Holley** asked if it was by design that the parolees are concentrated to one area.

**DC Motley** stated she isn't sure, but the area has the highest number of people receiving aid from the State.

**Chairperson Holley** asked if the district is working with the State, because something needs to be done to address this issue.

**AC Dunlap** stated yes they are working with the State, and after looking at some parameters, this area has a high unemployment rate, high poverty rate and lack of education.

**Chairperson Holley** asked to know the reaction from the citizens residing within that community.

**AC Dunlap** stated they probably aren't aware, but the Chief asked the State to look at a data base that will let the citizens know who is moving into their community. The citizens will be able to access this information from a computer.

**Chairperson Holley** stated most of the citizens within that community do not have computers.

**AC Dunlap** stated the department realizes that and they will be educating the citizens on issues such as this during their Comstat meetings that are held in the community.

**Chairperson Holley** stated that's a great idea but putting those parolees in a concentrated area had to be by design, because the people in that area did not have a voice. He stated this Board and the Department should schedule a meeting with the State regarding this issue.

**AC Dunlap** stated the Department welcomes the Board's help.

**Comm. Griffin** asked DC Motley is there anything that she needed in her District that would assist her.

**DC Motley** stated she could use more social workers to help assist the citizens with their concerns.

**Comm. Griffin** stated from the Department of Corrections.

**DC Motley** stated yes, sir.

**Comm. Griffin** asked AC Dunlap does he need any assistance to take this back to the Chief if it's a budgetary issue.

**AC Dunlap** stated he thinks the Chief would be glad to have that discussion to help expedite some of the requests the department has in motion to the State.

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no standing committee reports.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

**Chairperson Holley** stated he was disturbed by the statement made by the Attorney General saying that the incident with the Mayor and the subpoena server from the Prosecutor's Office could have been a shoot-out at the OK LaSalle. He felt that the comment was an insult to the officers of the Department. He asked why the Department allows for someone to speak bad about it.

**AC Dunlap** stated the Department always tries to remain professional and tries not to engage to the media tactics. But he understands and stated it was an insult to all of Detroit.

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** Mr. Warren Morgan is a long-time resident of the City of Detroit and has diligently served the Eastern District since July 2004. He is the proud father of a beautiful daughter who attends Golightly Educational and Vocational Center in Detroit; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Morgan is an outstanding Branch Manager of Fifth Third Bank located at 14820 Gratiot and State Fair in the Eastern District. Committed to performing great works in the community, he established the “Young Bankers” program at the Dorothy Fisher Grade School and other neighborhood schools. This program has served as the impetus for adding financial classes into the learning curriculum for the past four years; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Morgan sat on the former Businesses United with Officers and Youth (B.U.O.Y.) District 9 Committee, and sponsored the 2006 National Police Day at the former 9<sup>th</sup> Precinct. He is currently the acting President for the new Eastern District B.U.O.Y.; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Morgan sponsored a community picnic in May 2008, introducing the new B.U.O.Y team to the District. He also served on the Steering Committee for the Weed & Seed Initiative from 2005 to 2006 and;

**WHEREAS** Mr. Morgan has been involved with several community organizations and outreach programs. He spearheaded the Fifth Third Bank Planning Committee to bring the 2005 Fifth Third “Home Ownership Bus” to North East Detroit and;

**WHEREAS** Mr. Morgan served as the keynote speaker for the Mayor’s “Get Your Money Right” Conference at Osborn High School, as well as the opening speaker for the inaugural “Man Up Conference” at Mt. Olive Baptist Church and;

**WHEREAS** Mr. Morgan serves on the panel for the Warren and Conner Coalition Newspaper and has worked with USNAP-BAC, Northeast Collaborative, Detroit Community Initiative, Detroit Far Eastside Collaborative and several neighborhood associations. He is a representative of the strength, integrity and totality of the community by participating in the Eastern District Community Relations meetings and activities that include, National Night Out, Motor City Makeover, and Community Clean-Up Efforts.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department acknowledges the dedication and generosity of Mr. Warren Morgan. His exemplary and selfless service in improving the quality of life for all citizens in his community and throughout the City of Detroit merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. Warren Morgan.

/s/ Jim Holley  
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Ronald L. Griffin  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s Erminia Ramirez  
Commissioner

ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
August 14, 2008

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

**MOTION:** Comm. Okdie made the motion to accept the Resolution.

**SECOND:** Comm. Griffin seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**AC Dunlap** presented Mr. Morgan with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

**DC Motley** presented him with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of Detroit City Council.

**W. Morgan** thanked everyone for recognizing him with these awards.

#### 8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

#### 9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, August 21, 2008  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

#### 10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

**B. Smith** stated she has received several phone calls from officers of the Central District complaining about the size of the lockers and the security of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**B. Brown** asked how one might find out if parolees are in your area, because her block is being taunted by a group of individuals.

**AC Dunlap** stated to Ms. Brown to meet with DC Motley after the meeting.

**Comm. Okdie** stated it seems like a conclusion is being drawn that parolees commit the majority of the crimes, but please don't paint a picture until you have all of the facts.

**C. Graham** stated she has concerns about homes that need to be boarded up.

**H. Hall** stated last week a young man was stabbed and it took the department and EMS 50 minutes to respond.

**Chairperson Holley** stated it took EMS that long.

**H. Hall** stated their excuse was that a police car needs to come out before they come.

**AC Dunlap** stated he doesn't know the EMS policy, but they would like a scout car to be there because the technicians have been victims themselves.

**H. Hall** stated the department showed up 45 minutes later, but no EMS showed at all. He stated that the officer admitted this is common practice and that's why he lives in Canton.

**AC Dunlap** stated that isn't a common practice and asked Mr. Hall to give all the information to DC Motley.

**Chairperson Holley** asked Exec. Dir. Goss to follow up on the policies and procedures for EMS regarding a call for help.

He also thanked Mr. Elkhoury for the use of the Facility and asked him to have comments and give greetings.

**G. Elkhoury** welcomed the citizens to St. Moran Hall. He also welcomed the Commissioners and stated that the center is always open to the community.

**Chairperson Holley** asked Mr. Elkhoury to let the Father know that the Board appreciates his hospitality.

**AC Dunlap** stated on Saturday, September 13, 2008 the Chief is being honored as a breast cancer survivor at the Roostertail Restaurant.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

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